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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of	:	
Stevens, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/845,769	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: May 2, 2001	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. 06998-074001	:	

This is in response to the petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(a),
filed January 22, 2002.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on May 2, 2001,
without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on June
22, 2001, the Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a Notice
to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. This Notice
set a two month period for reply.

In reply, applicant filed the instant petition (and fee) and paid
the surcharge for late filing of the declaration. Applicant
included a declaration signed by inventors Daniell Stevens, Joel
M. Gould, Michael J. Newman, Charles E. Ingold, and Allan Gold,
but lacking signatures from inventors Robert Roth, Dean
Sturtevant, and David Abrahams.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof
that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to
sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the
application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath or
declaration); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance
with 37 CFR 1.63; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of
the last known address of the non-signing inventors.

On petition, attorney Diana DiBerardino included a declaration
from Patri J. Pugliese, in which Pugliese detailed the
transmittal of the application papers to non-signing inventors
Roth, Sturtevant, and Abrahams. According to Pugliese, no
response from Roth, Sturtevant, or Abrahams has been received.

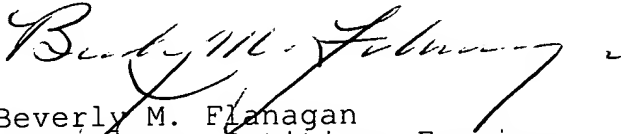
The declaration filed January 22, 2002 and the petition have been
reviewed and found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This
application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of
this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the

address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continuation of pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (703) 305-0272.



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